UN

UNITED NATIONS

CAT

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Distr.
GENERAL

CAT/SP/18
3 October 1995

ENGLISH
Original: ENGLISH/FRENCH/
SPANISH

MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES
Fifth Meeting
Geneva
29 November 1995

ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 1995, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 17 OF THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with article 17, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Fifth Meeting of the States parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at the United Nations Office at Geneva, on Wednesday, 29 November 1995, to elect five members of the Committee against Torture to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on 31 December 1995 (see annex I). The names of the other five members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 1997 appear in annex II

2. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 30 June 1995, invited the States parties to the Convention to submit their nominations for the election of five members of the Committee within three months, i.e. by 30 September 1995.

3. In compliance with the provisions of article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of persons nominated by 30 September 1995 for election to the Committee against Torture, and the States parties which have nominated them.

Name of candidate	Nominated by
Mr. Peter Thomas BURNS	Canada
Mr. Guibril CAMARA	Senegal
Mr. Ricardo GIL LAVEDRA	Argentina
Mr. Alejandro GONZÁLEZ POBLETE	Chile
Mr. Diomède NAHAYO	Burundi
Mr. Georghios M. PIKIS	Cyprus
Mr. Waleed SADI	Jordan
Mr. Olimpo SÁENZ MARCUCCI	Panama
Mr. Habib SLIM	Tunisia
Mr. Boštjan M. ZUPANČIČ	Slovenia

4. Biographical data on the persons nominated, as provided by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III. Any further nominations and biographical data which may be received by the Secretary-General will be brought to the attention of the States parties in addenda to the present document.

Annex I

LIST OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE TERMS OF OFFICE EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 1995

Name	Country of nationality
Mr. Peter Thomas BURNS	Canada
Mr. Fawzi EL IBRASHI	Egypt
Mr. Ricardo GIL LAVEDRA	Argentina
Mr. Hugo LORENZO	Uruguay
Mr. Habib SLIM	Tunisia

Annex II

LIST OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE TERMS OF OFFICE EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 1997

Name	Country of nationality
Mr. Alexis DIPANDA MOUELLE	Cameroon
Ms. Julia ILIOPOULOS-STRANGAS	Greece
Mr. Mukunda REGMI	Nepal
Mr. Bent SORENSEN	Denmark
Mr. Alexander M. YAKOVLEV	Russian Federation

Annex III

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION
TO THE COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Peter Thomas Burns (Canada)

Academic background

Professor Peter Thomas Burns, Q.C. is aged 57 years and was educated in New Zealand where he obtained his LL.M. degree with First Class Honours at the University of Otago in 1963. From 1968 he has been a Professor of Law at the University of British Columbia where he has held various offices, including that of Dean of Law 1981-1992.

His primary areas of teaching and research include criminal law, torts, victimology, international criminal law and international human rights. His recent publications include Criminal Injuries Compensation, (2d ed. 1993) 373 pp.; and "An international criminal tribunal: the difficult union of principle and politics", (1994) 5 Criminal Law Forum, 341-380.

United Nations activities

Professor Burns was elected to the Committee against Torture in 1987 and was its Rapporteur until his re-election in 1991 when he became a Vice-Chairman.

As well, he has participated in a variety of other activities related to the functions of the Centre for Human Rights at Geneva, including the following:

(a) Workshop on International Human Rights (with the Philippines Human Rights Commission), December 1988;

(b) Training course for African Legal Officers on International Human Rights Reporting, San Remo, Italy, 1991;

(c) Training Course on Human Rights Reporting for Police Officers, Malta, 1991;

(d) Training Course on Human Rights Reporting, Moscow, August 1992;

(e) Training Course on Human Rights Reporting for Police Officers, Tirana, November 1992;

(f) Attendance at the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, June 1993, as a member of the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy, the Committee against Torture and as a member of the Canadian delegation;

(g) Workshop on Human Rights Reporting: National Capacity Strengthening, Turin, November 1994 (ILO).

Other professional activities

Professor Burns was admitted to the Bar of British Columbia in 1975 and appointed Queen's Counsel in 1984. He has been a consultant to various branches of government, particularly in the field of law reform.

He is the Chair of the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (Vancouver), one of only two interregional institutes affiliated with the United Nations Crime Prevention Branch in Vienna. As well, he is the President of the Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, an international organization which counts among its purposes the reinforcement of the rule of law and the enhancement of international human right standards.

The list of his (a) membership of professional and learned societies, (b) academic or professional awards and distinctions, (c) activities in professional service, (d) invited lectureships, and (e) professional posts in university, is available for consultation in the files of the Centre for Human Rights.

Publications

Five books and in excess of 90 articles, casenotes and book reviews.

Guibril Camara (Senegal)

Personal data

Born 22 December 1940 at Goudiry (Senegal)

Married, with six children

Education

Faculty of Law, Dakar (1961-1965): bachelor's degree in law;

Centre National d'Etudes Judiciaires (now the Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature), Bordeaux (1965-1966) and Paris (1966-1967): Certification of completion of course.

Professional activity

Appointed Judge of Courts and Tribunals, 1 July 1967;

Examining magistrate, First Chamber (July 1967-November 1967);

Deputy Procurator-General, Dakar (November 1967-April 1968);

Procurator-General, Court of First Instance, Saint-Louis (April 1968-August 1972);

First Deputy Procurator-General, Dakar (August 1972-September 1973);

Procurator-General, Court of First Instance, Kaolack, (October 1973-November 1976);

Legal Adviser to the Ministry of Public Works Transport and Planning (December 1976-November 1977);

Director, Department of Supervised Education and Social Protection (1977-1984);

Advocate-General, Appeal Court (1984-1992);

First Advocate-General, Court of Cassation (1992-1993);

Procurator-General, Court of Cassation, since 29 July 1993.

International Activities

Participation in many international conferences dealing with questions of law and social problems;

Member of the Executive Committee and of the General Council of the International Union of Family Organizations (Paris);

Legal Counsel to the Pan-African Family Organization (Dakar);

Representative of Senegal on the Executive Board of UNICEF (Mexico, 1979);

National correspondent of the United Nations for the Prevention of Crime, Criminal Justice and the Treatment of Offenders;

National correspondent of the United Nations Social Defence Research Institute (Rome);

Consultant to the International School, Bordeaux

Representative of the Association Sénégalaise d'Etudes et de Recherches Juridique to the Association mondiale de prospective sociale

Consultant to the International Centre for Children (Paris)

Lectures and intellectual activities

The list of Mr. Camara's conferences and intellectual activities is available for consultation at the Centre for Human Rights.

In the context of the United Nations Crime Prevention Unit: Preparation of the participation and representation of Senegal in:

Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Caracas, 25 August-5 September 1980);

Seventh Congress (Milan, 26 August-6 September 1985);

Eighth Congress (Havana, 27 August-7 September 1990);

United Nations Ministerial Summit on the Prevention of Crime and Criminal Justice (Versailles, 21-23 November 1991);

Third Session of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Vienna, 28 April-6 May 1994);

World Ministerial Conference on organized transnational crime (Naples, 21-23 November 1994).

President, National Commission on Refugees.

Ricardo R. Gil Lavedra (Argentina)

Date of birth: 24 July 1949

Marital status: Married, four children

Teaching activities

Assistant lecturer, Criminal Law II, Faculty of Law of the University of El Salvador, 1973 and in the Faculty of Law and Social Science, University of Buenos Aires, 1973-1975;

Director of Studies, Faculty of Law, National University of La Plata, 1975;

Director of Practical Studies, Faculty of Law of the National University, 1976;

Acting Deputy Professor, Criminal Law Department, in the Faculty of Law of the National University of Buenos Aires, 1977-1986;

Professor, Department of Graduate Studies of the Faculty of Law of the National University of Buenos Aires, 1986-1988;

Titular Professor, Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires, appointed by competitive examination in 1986;

Director of the course on "Business and Crime" given at the Instituto de Desarollo Empresarial Argentino;

Lecturer at the law teaching course organized by the Institutional Studies Centre and Yale University at the University of Palermo.

Academic activities

Member of the Tax Law Commission of the Argentine Petroleum Institute, 1980-1984;

Member of the Legislative Studies Institute (Criminal Law and Economic Criminal Law Sections) of the Argentine Federation of the College of Advocates, 1980 to date;

Member of the Criminal Law Commission of the State College of Advocates in the Federal Capital;

Member of the International Criminal Law Association since 1985;

Active member of the Centre for Institutional Studies;

Founder member of the Argentine Centre for the Study of Criminal Law in the Field of Taxation;

Full member of the Asociación Argentina del Derecho de las Telecomunicaciones.

Professional activities

Ministerial Reporting Secretary, Supreme Court of the Province of Buenos Aires, 1973;

Professional Court Clerk (First Instance) of the same Supreme Court, 1974 and 1975;

Professional Court Clerk (First Instance) of the Supreme Court of the Nation (Office of the Attorney-General), 1976-1978;

Judge of the National Court of Appeal (Federal Criminal and Correctional Division), City of Buenos Aires, 1984-1987;

Secretary of State for the Interior, 1988-1989;

Member of the Committee against Torture from 1987 to the present.

Publications and lectures

The list of publications and lectures is available for consultation in the files of the Centre for Human Rights.

Alejandro González Poblete (Chile)

Personal data

Date of birth: 8 September 1931

Place of birth: Concepción (Chile)

Marital status: Married (two children)

Present post

President, National Compensation and Conciliation Board.

Experience in international systems for the protection of human rights

Good knowledge of the human rights protection systems of the United Nations and the Organization of American States.

As Head of the Legal Department of the Vicaría de la Solidaridad of the Archbishopric of Santiago de Chile during the period of the military dictatorship (1973-1989), maintained regular contact with the Centre for Human Rights, with the Ad Hoc Group and with the Special Rapporteurs for Chile of the Commission on Human Rights. Also maintained contact with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and its Executive Secretariat.

Carried out a mission to Guatemala in March and April 1989, as an expert engaged by the Centre for Human Rights to advise the Government of Guatemala on questions of human rights.

Worked frequently on projects and activities of the Inter-American Institute for Human Rights.

Member of the International Jury for the UNESCO Prize for the Teaching of Human Rights, appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO.

Pre-graduate studies

1950-1954 Study of law in the Faculty of Legal and Social Science of the University of Concepción.

Postgraduate studies

1974-1975 Course on the methodology of law teaching. Faculty of Legal, Administrative and Social Science of the University of Chile, Santiago.

Academic posts held

1952-1956 Assistant lecturer in Economics in the Faculty of Legal and Social Science of the University of Concepción;

1957-1966 Assistant lecturer in Labour Law in the same Faculty from 1 March 1957. Subsequent teaching work as Director of Studies and Assistant Professor in the same Faculty up to 30 June 1966;

1971-1976 Full Professor of Labour Law, Faculty of Legal, Social and Administrative Science of the University of Chile until 1 March 1971, until dismissal by the Military Government on 2 June 1976.

Public appointments

1966-1970 Under-Secretary of State in the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Chile.

Representative of the Government of Chile at international conferences:

(i) Head of the delegation of Chile to the World Conference on Children, Stockholm, Sweden, September 1969;

(ii) Head of the delegation of Chile to the Fourth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Kyoto, Japan, 1970.

Other public posts held while Under-Secretary in the Ministry of Justice:

(i) Member of the National Council for Children from 1966 to 1970;

(ii) Deputy Executive Chairman of the National Council for Minors from September 1970 to April 1971;

(iii) Vice-Chairman of the National Kindergarten Foundation, 1968-1970;

(iv) Chairman of the Executive Council of State Experts, 1967-1970;

(v) Chairman of the National Commission on Prison Policy, 1966-1970;

(vi) Member of the National Commission on the Rationalization of the Public Administration, between 1966 and 1970.

Participation in national human rights bodies

1973-1976 Legal adviser to the National Committee on Assistance to Refugees, a national body cooperating with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, established in Chile in September 1973.

1976-1992 Head of the Legal Department of the Vicaría de la Solidaridad of the Archbishopric of Santiago from July 1976 to April 1989 and Executive Secretary of the Vicaría from May 1989 to April 1992.

Participation as consultant or expert in missions, research projects, courses, conferences and other events in the field of human rights

The list of these activities is available for consultation in the files of the Centre for Human Rights.

Diomède Nahayo (Burundi)

Personal data

Date of birth	3 December 1955
Commune	Makebuko
Province	Gitega
Marital status	Married, three children.

Education

Secondary education	
(a) Lower secondary	1969-1973: Junior seminary, Mugera;
(b) Higher secondary	1973-1976: Intermediate seminary, Burasira;
Higher education	1976-1980: Law Faculty of the University of Burundi

Bachelor's degree in law after defence of a thesis entitled: "The state of need as justification in the law of Burundi.

Positions held

From 10 February to 23 March 1981	Judge of the Bujumbura Court of Major Jurisdiction;
From 24 March 1981 to 23 August 1983	Judge of the Ngozi Court of Major Jurisdiction;
From 24 August 1983 to 11 June 1984	Counsellor at the Bujumbura Court of Appeal;
From 12 June 1984 to 5 November 1985	Vice-President of the Bujumbura Court of Appeal;
From 6 November 1985 to 15 July 1988	Counsellor at the Supreme Court;
From 16 July 1988 to 26 September 1989	President of the Ngozi Court of Appeal;
From 27 September 1989 to 22 August 1993	Counsellor at the Court of Audit;
From 23 August 1993 to 31 July 1995	President of the Supreme Court.

Courses

From January 1987 to June 1988: Course of training at the National College of Magistrates (International Section), Paris. Awarded diploma with the distinction "Très bien".

During this period elected Secretary-General of the Association of Trainee Magistrates of the International Section.

Mission abroad

Recently led a Burundi delegation to the Fifth Congress of the Association Internationale des Hautes Juridictions Administratives, held in Rome from 27 to 29 March 1995, which dealt with the topic "Emergency interim measures of protection and accelerated procedures in administrative disputes".

Membership of various commissions

National Electoral Commission appointed to prepare for the presidential election of August 1984;

Commission to verify the conduct of the referendum on the Charter of National Unity, 5 February 1991;

Commission to verify the conduct of the referendum held on 9 March 1992 on the draft constitution for the Republic of Burundi.

Human rights seminars

The list of human rights seminars in which Mr. Nahayo participated may be consulted in the Centre for Human Rights

Georghios M. Pikis (Cyprus)

Born in 1939 at Larnaca

Married with three children

Academic qualifications

1960	LL.B.
1961	Barrister-at-Law (of Gray's Inn)

Advocacy

1961	Enrolled as an advocate in Cyprus
1961-1965	Practised as an advocate Law Office at Larnaca

Judicial appointments

1966	District Judge (on an acting basis for the first six months)
1972	Acting President District Court
1977	President District Court
1981	Justice of the Supreme Court of Cyprus
1995	President of the Supreme Court

Judicial service

1966-1967	District Court, Limassol
1967-1974	District Court, Famagusta. In 1974 he was displaced with his family from Famagusta as a result of the Turkish invasion
1974-1981	President District Court Larnaca-Famagusta
1981	Justice of the Supreme Court of Cyprus
1995	President of the Supreme Court of Cyprus

Publications

Sentencing in Cyprus (in English) and The English Common Law and Rules of Equity and their Application in Cyprus (in Greek)

Co-author of Criminal Procedure in Cyprus

Papers on several aspects of the law.

Committees

1980	Chaired and wrote the report of a committee set up by the Ministry of Justice to review rent control legislation
1988-1989	Chaired and wrote the report of a committee set up by the Supreme Court to study the functioning of the district courts and other first instance courts and make recommendations for changes and improvements in the rules, procedure, organization and practice of the courts.

Waleed M. Sadi (Jordan)

Personal data

Date of birth: 1937

Married, four children

Education

B.A. Economics, Southern Methodist University, Texas, United States of America

J.D. Doctor of Law, University of Chicago Law School, United States of America

Scholarship

Holder of the National Honor Scholarship for three years, University of Chicago, United States of America

Memberships

Jordan Bar Association

Rotary Club

Consumer Association, Amman, Jordan

Jordanian Red Crescent Society

Human rights activities

Member of the Jordanian delegation to the Commission on Human Rights, 1975-1981

Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, 1980-1981

Member of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, 1978-1981

Member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Fund for Victims of Torture, 1980-1992

Member of the Human Rights Committee, 1990-1994

Member of the Armand Hammer Conferences on Peace and Human Rights, 1976-1983

Member of the Jordanian delegation to the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights, 1993

Present employment

Lawyer, columnist, editorialist and human rights expert

Experience

Chief Editor, Jordan Times, 1988-1990

Lawyer, 1986-1988

Ambassador to Turkey, 1982-1985

Ambassador to the United Nations and other international organizations, 1975-1980

Diplomat, Jordanian Mission to the United Nations, New York

Diplomat, Jordanian Embassy in Washington D.C.

Diplomat, Jordanian Embassy in Moscow

Diplomat, Jordanian Embassy in Paris

Diplomat, Jordanian Embassy in London

Publications

The Economic Theory in Islam

Jordanian Foreign Policy

Olimpo Sáewz Marcucci (Panama)

Biographical data on Mr. Sáewz Marcucci will be made available in an addendum to the present document when received from the Government of Panama.

Habib Slim (Tunisia)

Date and place of birth — 10 July 1938 at Moknine

Present position — Professor of public law (Agrégé)

Degrees awarded

Bachelor's Degree in public law, 1962, Faculty of Law of Toulouse

Higher Studies Diploma (DES) in public law, 1965, Faculty of Law of Toulouse

State Doctorate in Public International Law, 1978, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tunis

Agrégation in Public Law, 1982, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tunis

Present functions

Professor in the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tunis

Chairman of the Conciliation and Arbitration Centre, Tunis

Director of the Workshop on "Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law" at the Centre for Study, Research and Publications (CERP).

Director of the Observatoire de prospective méditerranéenne at the CERP

Head of the Maghreb Research and Study Unit (UREM) at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tunis

Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee of Jurists of the African Institute of Private International Law

Member of the Joint Scientific Committee of the American Centre for Maghreb Studies, Tunis.

References

Former Dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tunis;

Arbitrator of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris;

Advocate, Member of the Bar, Tunis (1971-1978);

Member of the Tunisian delegation to the World Conference on Human Rights (Vienna, 14-26 June 1993);

Director-General of the Chambre Tuniso-Française de Commerce et d'Industrie (1983-1986);

Adviser on Export Strategies to the Minister of Agriculture and Food (1986-1988);

Consultant on international trade, international tourism, air transport, foreign investment, partnership projects, transfers of technology and free trade areas;

Associate Professor at the University of Social Science, Toulouse, at the University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne) and at the University of Nice-Sofia-Antipolis;

Adviser to the Chambre Tuniso-Française de Commerce et d'Industrie, Rapporteur of the "Conciliation and Arbitration" Commission and member of the Commission on "Relations between the universities and enterprises".

Other activities

Assistant Secretary-General of the Tunisian Red Cross, responsible for matters connected with the dissemination of international humanitarian law;

Member of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Peace Commission and Rapporteur of the Working Group on "New factors threatening peace".

The full list of other activities may be consulted in the Centre for Human Rights.

Boštjan M. Zupančič (Slovenia)

Personal data

Date of birth	13 May 1947
Place of birth	Ljubljana, Slovenia
Status	Married, three children

Education

1981	Harvard Law School Cambridge, Massachussetts Scientiae Juris Doctor, Professor R.M. Unger, Mentor Dissertation: "Criminal law, the conflict and the rules"
1976-1977	Harvard Law School Research scholar
1973-1974	Harvard Law School Scientiae Juris Doctor programme
1972-1973	Harvard Law School LL.M. Program (Master's in Law); average grade: A-; Thesis: "Criminal law and its influence upon normative integration", Professor Lloyd Ohlin, Mentor. Grade: A. Published in 7 Acta Criminologica, Spring, 1974
1971-1972	Université de Montreal, École de Criminologie Ford Foundation research scholar Specialization in criminology
1970-1971	University of Zagreb, Law School Master's in Law program
Summer 1968	Cambridge University, Law School Cambridge, England, Extra-mural law studies
1966-1970	University of Ljubljana, Law School Degree "DIPL.IUR."; average grade: 9 (out of 10) award scholarships: "BORIS KRAIGHER," and "BORIS KIDRIČ"; 1970 "DR. PREŠEREN AWARD" (highest available for students)

Employment

1993-present	Justice of the Constitutional Court of Slovenia
1993	China University of Law and Public Policy, Visiting Professor
1989-1992	First Vice-President (for academic affairs) University of Ljubljana

1984-present	University of Ljubljana, Law School Full Professor of Law since 1989 Subjects: Jurisprudence, criminal law, criminal procedure, comparative law
1982-1984	Seton Hall University, Law School Full Professor of Law, elected in 1985 Subjects: criminal law, criminal procedure, comparative law, jurisprudence, corrections law, criminology, advanced criminal law
1983-1985	Athens University and Temple University (Joint summer programs) Subjects: comparative constitutional law, comparative criminal procedure
Autumn 1981	Fordham University, School of Law Visiting Professor of Law
1980-1981	Seton Hall University, Law School Visiting Professor of Law
Autumn 1980	Iowa University, College of Law Visiting Professor of Law
Autumn 1979	Supreme Court of Slovenia Clerking
1977-1979	New York Law School Assistant Professor of Law
1975-1976	University of Ljubljana, Law School Assistant Professor of Law
1976	Circuit Court of Ljubljana Clerking
1974	Army Honorary discharge, corporal
1970-1974	University of Ljubljana Assistant Professor
LANGUAGES	Fluent in English, French, Slovene, Croatian; can read German, Italian and Latin

Legal expert of the Chinese Government for the reform of criminal procedure

The list of Mr. Zupančič's publications, in English and Slovene, and of his memberships and lectures is available for consultation in the files of the Centre for Human Rights.

- - - - -